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The DE-Litter Letter

Delaware's Adopt-A-Highway Program Newsletter

Soon after receiving this newsletter, you will be receiving a personal invitation to the Department of Transportation's 15 Year Appreciation Celebration for its Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) Program.

We are planning three fun-filled events throughout the state during May to show our appreciation for all your hard work. We really hope that you will be able to attend the event held in your county.

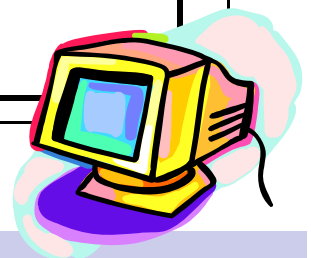
The details will be on the invitation, but be prepared for a relaxing fun Adopt-A-Highway Day (no cleanups required). Light refreshments and a useful gift will be provided to those who attend.

We will also be recognizing those groups that have been with the program the longest. Certificates of Appreciation will be mailed to all AAH groups in May.

***Please be sure to send me an updated address if you've recently moved (this will ensure that your invitation is sent to the correct address).**

E-mail

If you are interested in receiving information (newsletter, info about your adopt-a-highway) by e-mail, please send me your e-mail address. My e-mail address is tina.shockley@state.de.us. For some of us e-mail is quicker than the phone or the U.S. mail!



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AAH THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Make A Clean Sweep.....Adopt-a-Highway

Coordinator's Column



Thank You to each and every one of you who give your time to make Delaware roads cleaner. Without the support of the caring individuals,

groups, businesses and organizations that make up the Adopt-A-Highway volunteer groups, Delaware would not be the beautiful state that it is today.

Did you know that the worthwhile work you do impacts everyone and everything around you? For example, the litter you remove from the roadside does not get blown into the local lakes and ponds where it could interfere with the lifecycle of birds, ducks and other wildlife.

You may rarely stop to realize that the empty soda and beer cans you remove from the roadside create a safer roadside for those who may need to stop in an emergency.

And did you realize that by removing all that trash, you are making the air cleaner for us all?

Well you may think picking up a can or fast food wrapper is nothing much, but this simple act makes a huge difference to DelDOT, your neighbors, and to all those who use our roads on a daily basis.

Although we get frustrated at times, but we can't stop people from littering (only educate them on the effects), but we can continue to make Delaware cleaner 2 miles at a time.

On behalf of the Department of Transportation, I thank you. Your loyal service to this mission is recognized and appreciated.

Tina Shockley
AAH Program Coordinator

New Newsletter Name

You will notice that your newsletter has a new name, The DE-Litter Letter. Our newsletter name was a combination of ones we received. Thanks to those groups below that submitted suggestions. Those groups will soon be receiving a DelDOT goodie bag with our thanks!

Kasia Bennett (The Bennett Family)

John Bauer (DE Mobile Surf Fisherman)

David Casto (Brenford Place)

Jean Wertz (In Memory of David Wertz 9-22-99)

Cookie Schwartz (Cookie & Joe Schwartz)

In The Works...

The following are things we are currently working on to make the AAH program better for you. Check the AAH—What's New page on our website (www.deldot.net) to see when these ideas will be implemented.

Create an **Adopt-A-Highway Brochure** which can be used by DelDOT and you to promote the great benefits of the program.

We are obtaining permission to **Submit Any New Adopt-A-Highway Applications Online**. In the last year, we gave volunteers the ability to submit their activity reports online, and now we are working to set up the AAH Application online so that prospective groups can simply fill out the form and hit the submit button.

In the coming months we will also be **updating our AAH Application** so new groups will have the latest information on this worthwhile program. Any new information will be reflected on our website as well.

We are also working on scheduling a statewide **Clean Up Day** in 2005. Many other states designate one day per year as a statewide clean up day. DelDOT is considering this too, and will ask all AAH groups to show their support by conducting a clean up on this designated day. Check your mailbox and newspaper for details this summer.

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